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"Explosion at a Chicago Hotel"—probably the guest emitted hot air when he got his bill.

The Italian army could worry the Teutons a lot if they should start another offensive just now.

Those New England saw mill units in England haven't been saying much, so it is presumed they are sawing wood.

The German attempt to put the finish on Russia has not wholly succeeded as yet, although the Finns are clamoring hard.

The Rumanian army, pounded and torn a year ago, is showing sturdy qualities on the southern part of the eastern war front.

Major General Goethals has proven himself to be a fighter. Perhaps he is just the kind of a man needed on the western war front, a place for which he is said to have a liking.

One of these days such a matter as the blowing off of the hand of an American soldier will not be heard of in the cables coming from Europe. Such a happening will pale into insignificance in comparison with the far greater casualty lists.

Mrs. Rena Mooney, the kissing prisoner of California, did not establish a precedent when she smacked each and every one of the jury which had acquitted her of the charge of murder; nor was it a performance which would have been permitted in all courts of justice.

The big rush of aliens hereabouts to become citizens of the United States is a gratifying indication of the feeling of responsibility which these men feel toward their adopted government. They realize that if they are to enjoy the benefits of residence in the United States they ought to share in the responsibilities of government.

It is not likely that the men of the 1st Vermont infantry will find any more depressing summer weather than that of the present week, when they reach their training camp at Charlotte, N. C. In fact, by September when they are expected to get settled in their new location, the weather conditions in North Carolina should be considerable of an improvement over this sweltering atmospheric condition. The hardships of military life in summer cannot be much more severe than they have been during the present week.

If Holland gets any satisfaction out of the United States government as the result of the prospective visit of a commission of her citizens to Washington, then it will come about only after a solemn promise has been given that all the foodstuffs and other articles which may be consigned to Holland from the United States will not surreptitiously find their way into German hands. It is an anomalous position for the United States to be in—the position of fighting Germany and at the same time feeding her. In receiving the Dutch commission cordially, the representatives of the United States will, of course, enter upon the negotiations as men cognizant of human frailties whether in the United States or Holland; they will know that the desire for gain, personal and national, actuates a great many people, no matter under what conditions the gain be sought. There is no doubt that the United States would be willing to send foodstuffs and other articles to Holland if there were absolute certainty that only Holland would be served thereby.

The turning of the guns of the artillery arm of the service on Russian infantry is indeed the "blood and iron" policy which Premier Kerensky declared would be followed out if there were continued defections on the part of the army. It is probable that the Petrograd report of a whole division of traitorous troops being annihilated by the gunfire may be taken to be somewhat of an exaggeration utilized more for its moral influence on other soldiers; but it is nevertheless a most serious situation when such drastic measures have to be resorted to. Soft discipline has failed completely in the Russian army under the revolutionary government, and a "blood and iron" policy seems to be necessary if Russia is to be saved from the slough of complete defeat, followed by being forced to sue for peace. Russians heretofore have been described by some people as good fighters but as poorly led in battle. It remains to be seen whether the characterization was accurate and, too, if they have any love of that fatherland in whose defense the council of soldiers, workmen and peasants' deputies appealed to them.

SUBMARINE ATTACK CENTERED ON GREAT BRITAIN.

The fact that French commerce shipping escaped wholly unscathed during last week, together with the fact that only six French merchantmen were attacked, indicates that the Germans are centering practically all their U-boat fury against the commerce ships of Great Britain. The six French ships which were attacked and which were

successful in eluding the submarines were probably but chance travelers in the path of waiting submarines—waiting for other prey. Practically the entire undersea fleet of the German empire is concentrated now against British commerce and against transports carrying American soldiers to the western war front, showing not only that the Germans have been driven to desperation against their chief enemy and also that their U-boat strength is either being weakened considerably or is not being increased so rapidly as the world has been led to believe by reports emanating from German sources. The desperation is explained by the knowledge that six months have elapsed since the campaign of ruthless destruction of ships was started, and Great Britain is as yet showing no signs of being brought to her knees, as the German threat had it that she would be driven in many months. The U-boat campaign has proven very troublesome to the British people but it is no wise such a smashing blow as Von Tirpitz claimed it would be. Hence the desperation of the German admiralty, the German government and the German people, the last-named of whom are no doubt clamoring for results now that the campaign has ranged the whole world, practically, against Germany. To get Great Britain would mean, according to the German theory, the ending of the war in favor of Germany. But Great Britain refuses to be gotten, either by submarine, airplane, warships or idle threat. There are strong indications that Germany's "last trump," the U-boats, is failing miserably to accomplish the object so ardently desired by all Germans.

CURRENT COMMENT

Outing Discovers Vermont.

Through the efforts of John P. Taylor of the Green Mountain club, an interesting, well-illustrated article on Vermont trails appears in the current issue of Outing, written by Mr. Little of the editorial staff of that magazine. Having observed the Outing map which featured mountain trails of adjacent states, Mr. Taylor wrote to the editor, asking what was the matter with the Green mountains. The result was a trip over the Long Trail by Mr. Little, accompanied by Mr. Taylor. Mr. Little is an experienced trail-hitter, and while he praised Smugglers' Notch, Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump, and wrote entertainingly of their well-kept trails, he was most impressed with Vermont griddle cakes and Vermont maple syrup, first brought to his attention by the indefatigable Taylor. What Dr. Paris, Mr. Taylor, Prof. Monroe and others are doing for Mansfield and Camel's Hump, the Rutland section of the Green Mountain club is doing for Killington, destined to be one of the most important links in the chain of trails from Canada line to Pownal. The recent erection of a hedgehog-proof shelter on the mountain and the Pico-Killington trail are visible evidences of what Rutland is doing. With another summer of such work, the progress toward an unbroken trail, "along the sky-line of Vermont," will be very important, and hikers from everywhere will find the trip, with highway breaks if desired, a most fascinating part of the summer outing.—Rutland Herald.

WAITSFIELD

Quarantine Lifted, Church and Lodge Meetings Resumed.

At the local board of health meeting, held Wednesday evening, it was decided to lift the quarantine and permission was granted to churches and lodges to hold their regular meetings, but children under 16 years of age are not permitted to attend same.

Maple Rebekah lodge will hold their regular meeting Saturday evening, July 28. Refreshments will be served.

Guy Boyce returned Tuesday from Casa Grande, Ariz.

Clyde Baird returned Wednesday from Massachusetts.

Ina Wright is confined to her bed with the same distemper as many children have had this summer.

The quarantine for infantile paralysis has been removed from the residence of Walter H. Moriarty.

Paul Cota was operated upon directly he arrived at Heaton hospital for appendicitis. Gangrene was found both in the appendix and also in the intestine.

Morning services will be held in the Congregational church next Sunday morning at 10:45, to which all persons over 16 years of age are cordially invited. The pastor's subject will be, "Christian Conquest." For the present all departments of the Sunday school and our pleasant C. E. meetings will be omitted. This will be the first service held in the newly decorated auditorium and the first service of any kind held in the church since June 10.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Congregational Church—Morning worship at 10:45; sermon, "Contrasts in Motive." Adult class at noon. Union outdoor service at 7:15 p. m.; speaker, Rev. J. Q. Angell of Walden. C. E. meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The men's chorus will sing on Sunday evening and all the men are asked to meet in the M. E. vestry at 6:50 to look over the music. Try to be on time.

M. E. church—Divine worship next Lord's day. Morning service, beginning at 10:45. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Outdoor community service (weather permitting) at 7:15, when Rev. J. Q. Angell of Walden will preach. The band will lead the singing and the men's chorus will render special selections. Epworth league on Tuesday evening. Prayer service Thursday evening, both at 7:30. Everybody cordially invited.

GRANITEVILLE

Mrs. and Mrs. George Sutter and two daughters, Misses Edna and Laura, left Wednesday on a trip through the White



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mountains. They expect to be absent two weeks.

Alexander Riddell, who has been employed in Paterson, N. J., is visiting at his home on the Williamstown road.

Will Eastman has purchased a five-passenger Chevrolet car.

Mrs. Mary McAuley of Barre is visiting friends in town.

There will be no service in the First Presbyterian church next Sunday.

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Officers Never Said the German Line Was Impregnable

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British Have Vast Army in Reserve—Scare Mongers Are Flayed

Washington, July 27.—Secretary of War Baker and Frank L. Polk, acting secretary of state, ridiculed Wednesday night the statements attributed to United States army officers who have just come back from the French front, and asserted positively that no officer representing the army had given to the press information that the German front in the west was impregnable. In like force both denied the statements charged to the same officers that the Germans held supremacy in the air.

The officers who are credited with having brought back a tale of gloom were reported to have been attached to General Pershing's staff, and to have studied the strategic situation all the way from the North sea to Switzerland. Mr. Baker says the officers went over with the Balfour party, and not with General Pershing, and that they were charged with the duty of studying purely technical subjects, having no relation whatever to the strategic situation.

"In one of the morning newspapers," said Mr. Baker, "members of the party of officers just returned from France are credited with an expression of opinion to the effect that the German line along the western front line is impregnable. I have succeeded in reaching all of the members of this military mission, and am assured that no one of them has expressed such an opinion, either to a newspaper man or to anybody else, including his own associates on the mission. The alleged expression therefore is wholly without foundation."

"The members of the military mission were sent abroad to study technical questions. They were accorded the fullest opportunity by both the British and French governments to complete their study and were given opportunity to observe actual conditions at the front. The mission is unanimous in its praise of the splendid morale of the allied forces on the western front, and while it shares the general realization of the gravity of this war, it returned without any pessimistic opinion whatever as to the final outcome."

The commission contained a number of the best known officers of the army. They sought information in England and in France on the means used to supply troops, transportation, and purely technical matters. They brought no report from General Pershing, who is his own report maker, and in their talks with Secretary Baker expressed only the most optimistic sentiments.

Mr. Baker used the theme as a text from which to preach a strong sermon upon the evil of making sensational misstatements for the purpose of alarming the public, and referred to the recently published story that submarines were sinking 1,600,000 tons of shipping a month, when they only had sunk 600,000, as a striking evidence of the alarm that false reports might cause.

The American people, said the secretary of war, should be warned against the sporadic epidemics of pessimistic reports concerning the military situation in Europe, which, he added, had no foundation in fact and could only serve to cause useless sensation. He declined the suggestion that it might be well to paint the situation blacker than it is for the purpose of arousing the people, and said that as much harm would come from such a source as from minimizing the seriousness of the situation.

Full descriptions of what is going on in Europe, said Mr. Baker, are being given to the people through the daily cable dispatches, and he was unable to see that these reports had in any degree misrepresented the real facts.

To this view from the war department Mr. Polk contributed the conclusion that the state department drew from its official reports. He made it clear that these reports did not harmonize in any way with the reports that had aroused pessimistic comment.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

TO BE FORMULATED

Executive Committee of National Collegiate Athletic Association to Discuss What Form Athletics Shall Take the Coming Year.

New York, July 27.—While the executive committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association holds only an advisory position in its relations with the individual members of the association, the result of the coming conference to consider the status of college sports during the war will have a far reaching effect on intervarsity athletics. The organization, with a membership of close to 200 of the leading colleges and universities of the country, includes on its roster the names of all the principal institutions and sectional groups.

As a result the conference at Washington on Aug. 2 will in reality be a gathering of the athletic authorities of the universities and colleges of the country for a national varsity expression of opinion regarding what form, if any, college athletics shall take during the coming collegiate year. It is quite evident from various forecasts of individual sentiment among the prospective delegates that there is to be a wide difference of opinion upon this subject and it would not be surprising if the discussion was both lengthy and complex.

Sectional sentiment is certain to have an important bearing on the attitude of the various delegates. Considered broadly the Middle and Far West may be said to be in favor of a continuation of intervarsity sport, even though limited by certain restrictions deemed necessary in view of war conditions. In the East there is not the same unanimity of opinion on this point. If the mere number of colleges were to be considered, it is probable that those in favor of continuing athletics would be found to be in the majority.

Those institutions which are opposed to this course, however, include several of the largest and oldest in the country and the absence of their so-called "classical" intervarsity contests is expected in some quarters to set a fashion which will have a decided effect upon all forms of intercollegiate competition. Cornell and Pennsylvania are believed to support a continuation of sport, while Harvard, Yale and Princeton are opposed so far as varsity football is concerned, at least, and it will be on this game, the most popular of all college contests, that the battle of opinions will wage.

Football is not, however, the only varsity sport which will be discussed. The conference may decide to what extent baseball, rowing, track athletics and other outdoor sports should be provided for next spring, while winter competition in basketball, hockey, wrestling, gymnastics, etc., will also be considered. The question of abandoning, temporarily at least, the one-year and the freshman rules will come up for discussion and it is possible that any recommendations made by the executive committee of the N. C. A. A. will carry much weight with the numerous colleges holding membership in the organization.

One of the most popular foreign victories on the French turf in several years was scored recently when W. K. Vanderbilt's Franco-American bred filly Brumelli won the first French wartime derby and the first event of any importance run over the regulation old derby course since 1914. Brumelli is the first filly to win the French Derby, or "Jockey Club Stakes," as it was called before the war, since 1874, and the fourth winner of the event for the Vanderbilt stable. Maintenance, her sire, won it in 1906, Sea Sick in 1908 and Negofol in 1909. Brumelli also established a record for fillies by a triple success in the three "war trials" that correspond to the old Prix de Diane, which was the French Oaks, the important sweepstakes called the Poule d'Essai and the derby.

Brumelli is a big muscular impressive filly, resembling all the get of Mr. Vanderbilt's giant stallion but with more graceful lines and good judges predict a great future for her. She is out of Brume, a product of Prestige and Buella, an American brood-mare exported several years ago.

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